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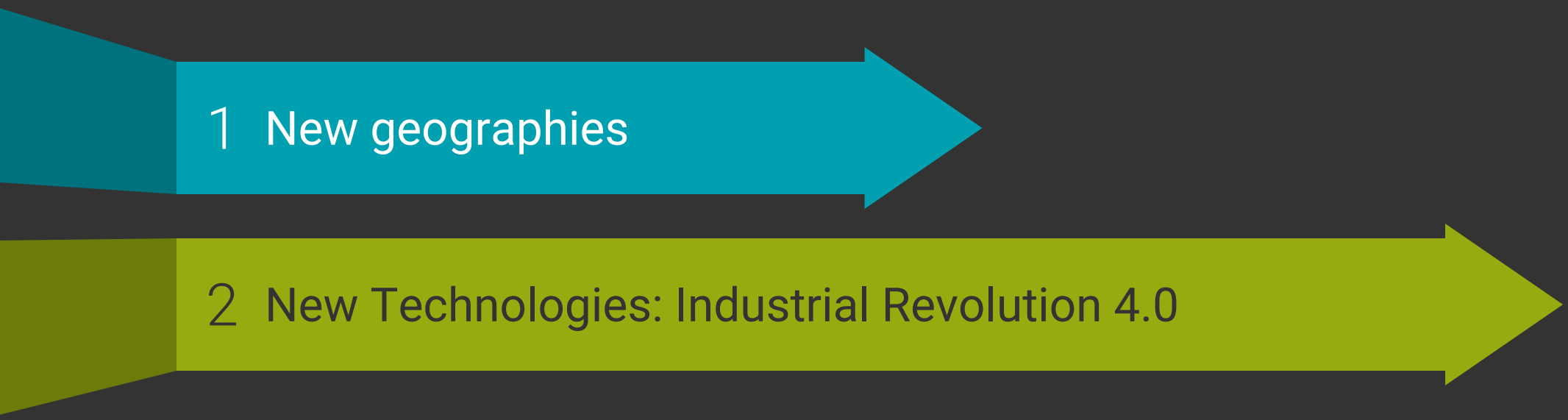


My interests

From International Finance and Monetary Economics with Game Theory and Econometrics to “Data Science for International Business”

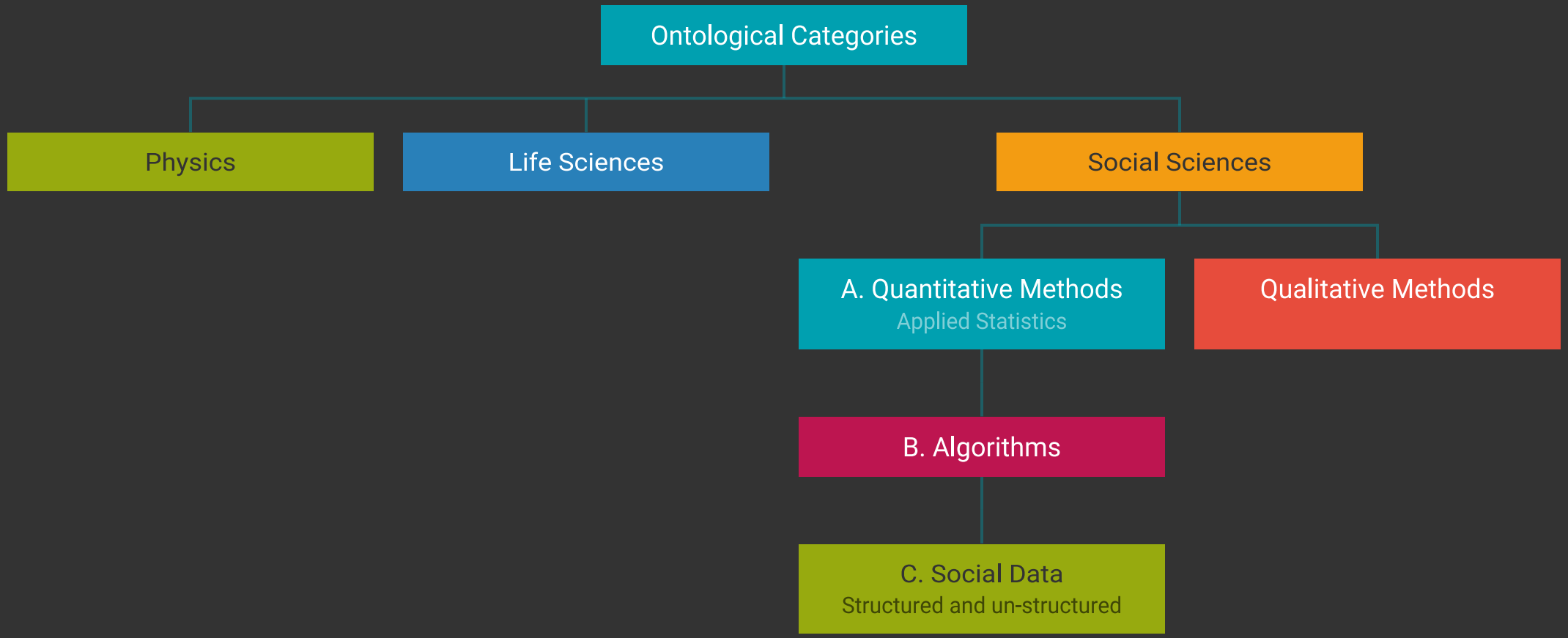
From the study of a field with a methodology to the study of “how a new methodology that may help foster our understanding of social dynamics”

STEM versus Managers?

Open Science

Birth of a new field

Social Data Science



Social Data Science = A + B + C

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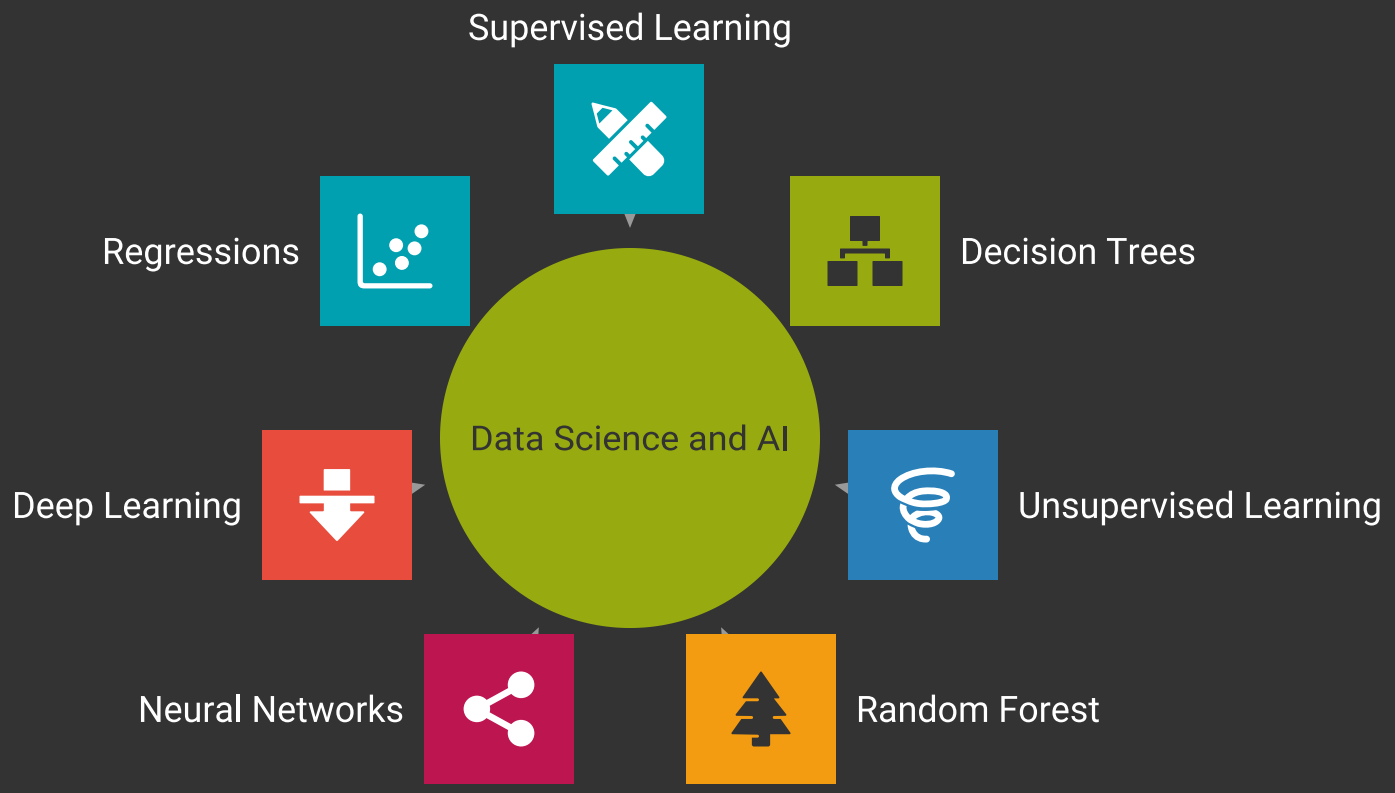

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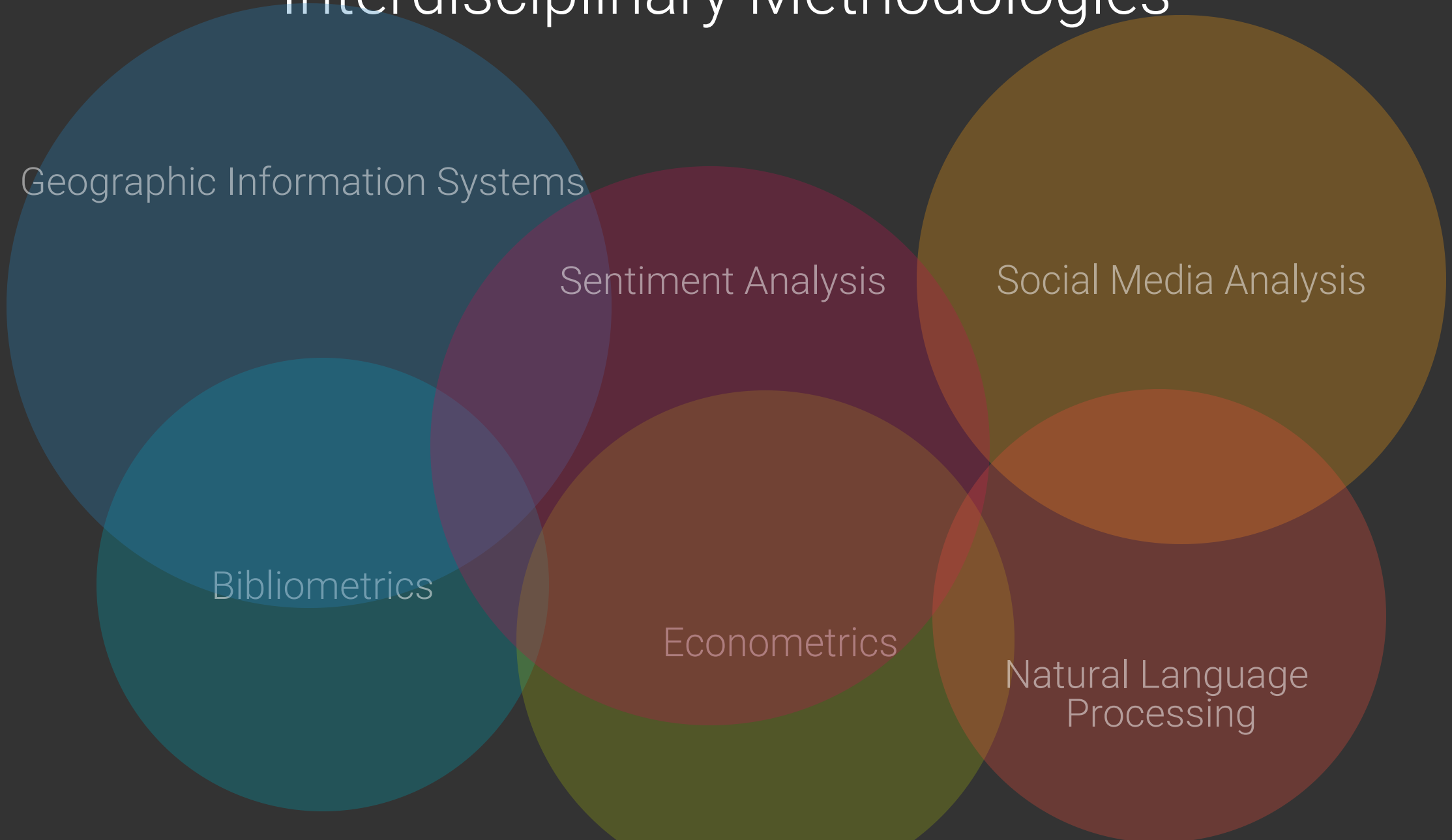
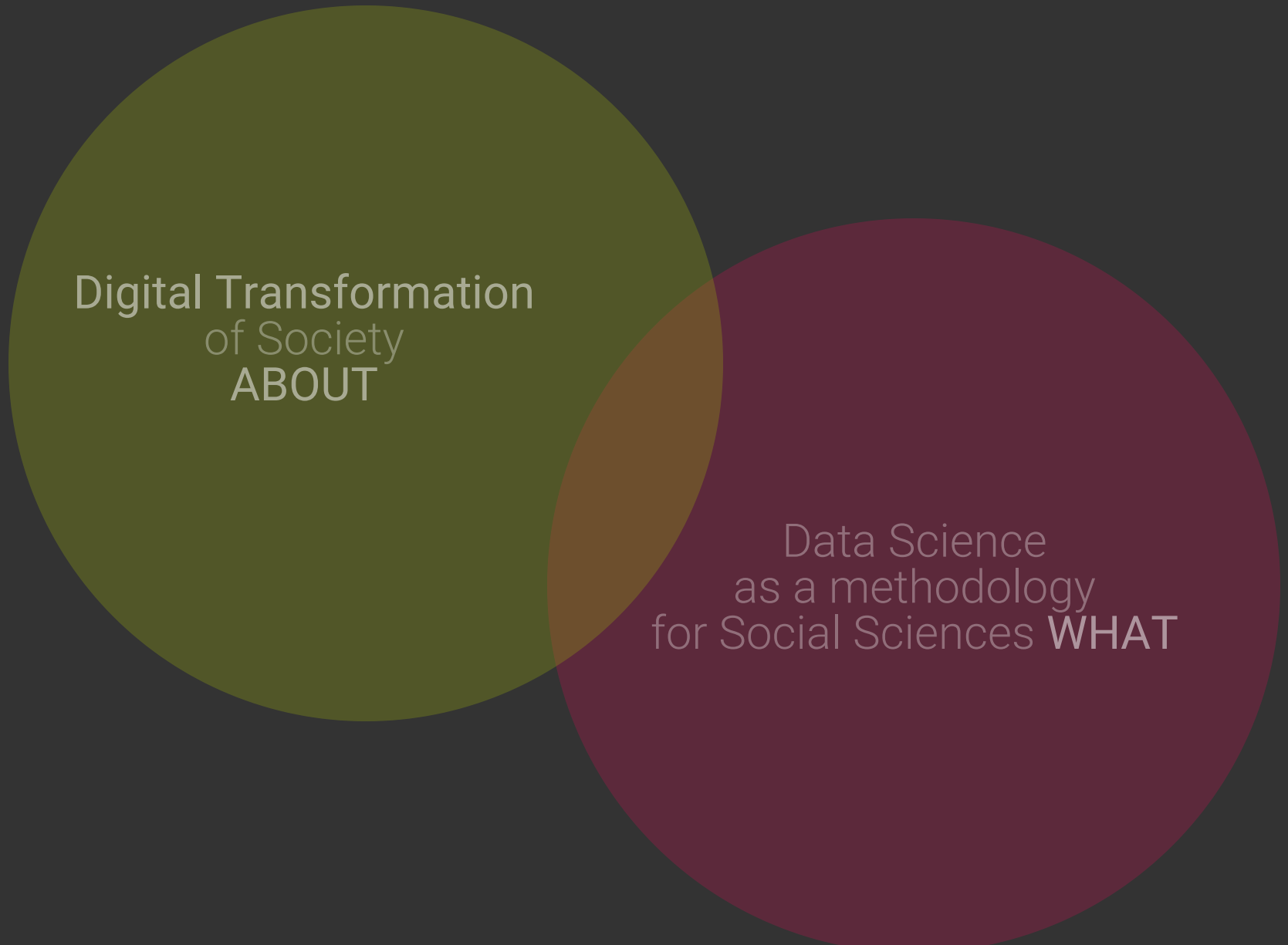
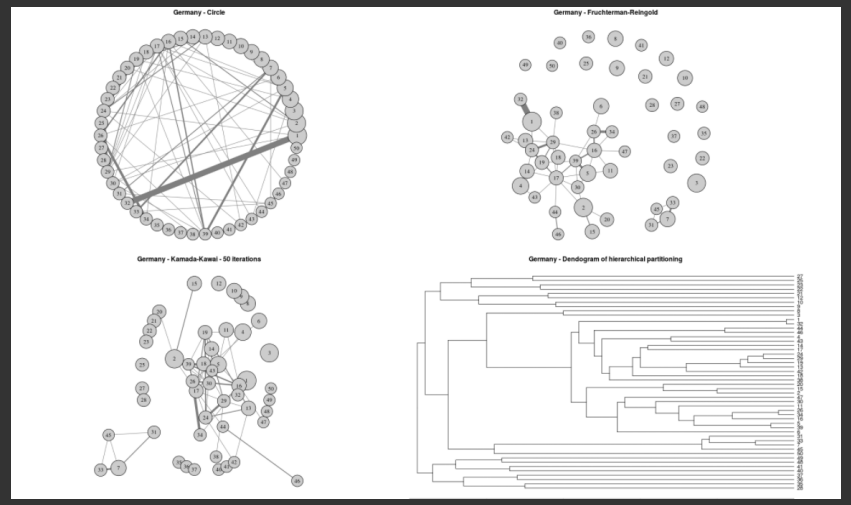


Social Data Science: The Missing Link



Research Projects Using Data Science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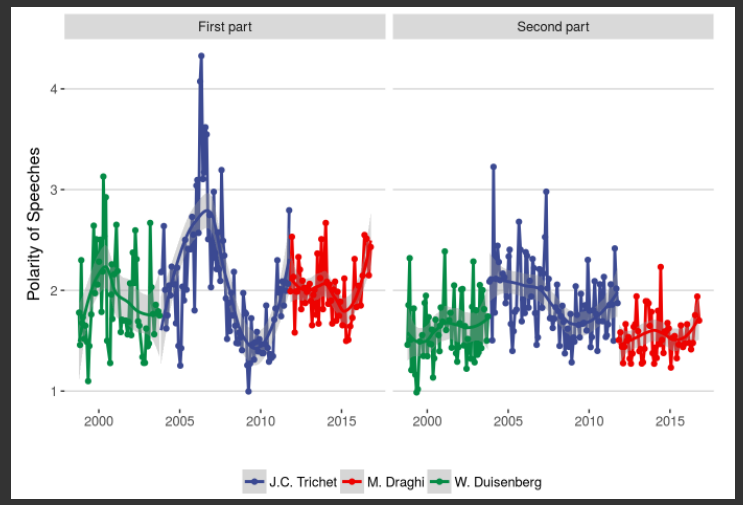
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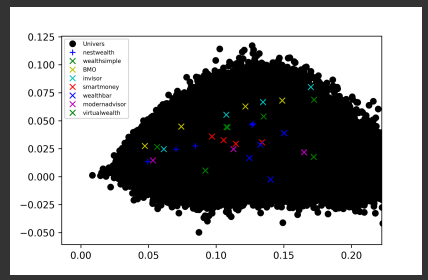

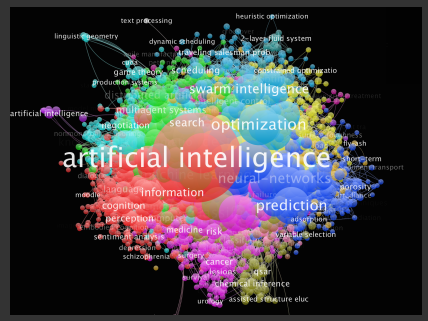
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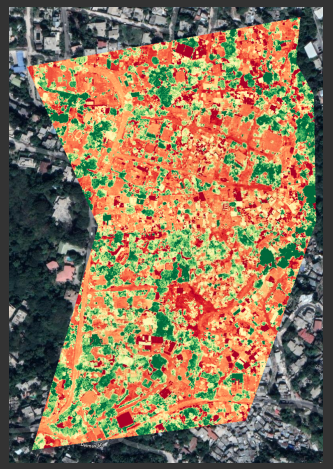

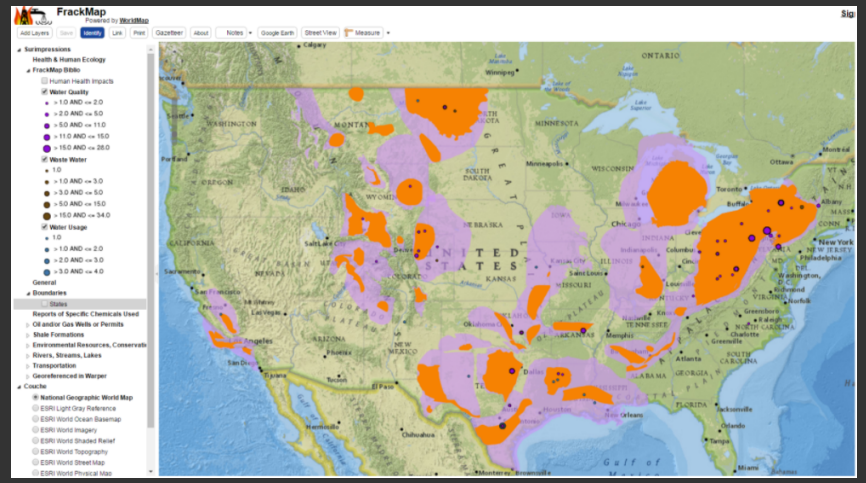
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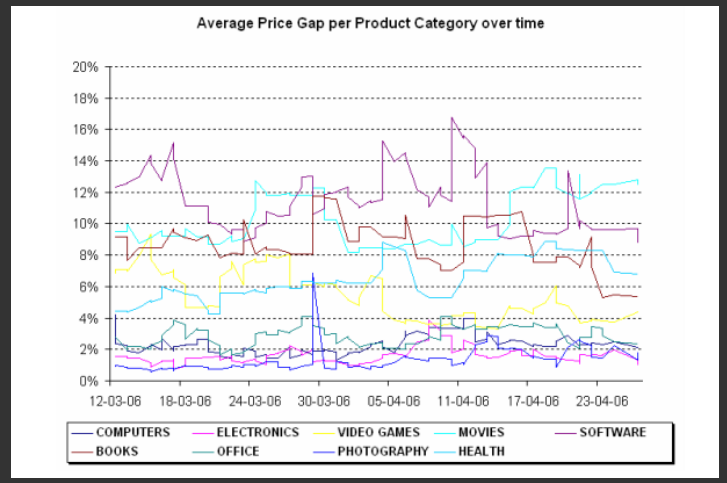
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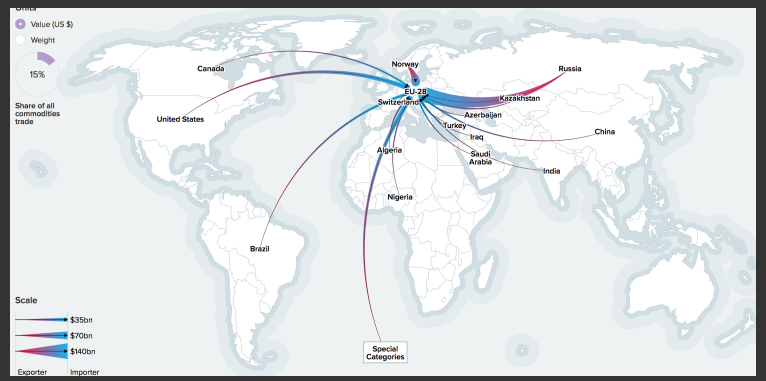
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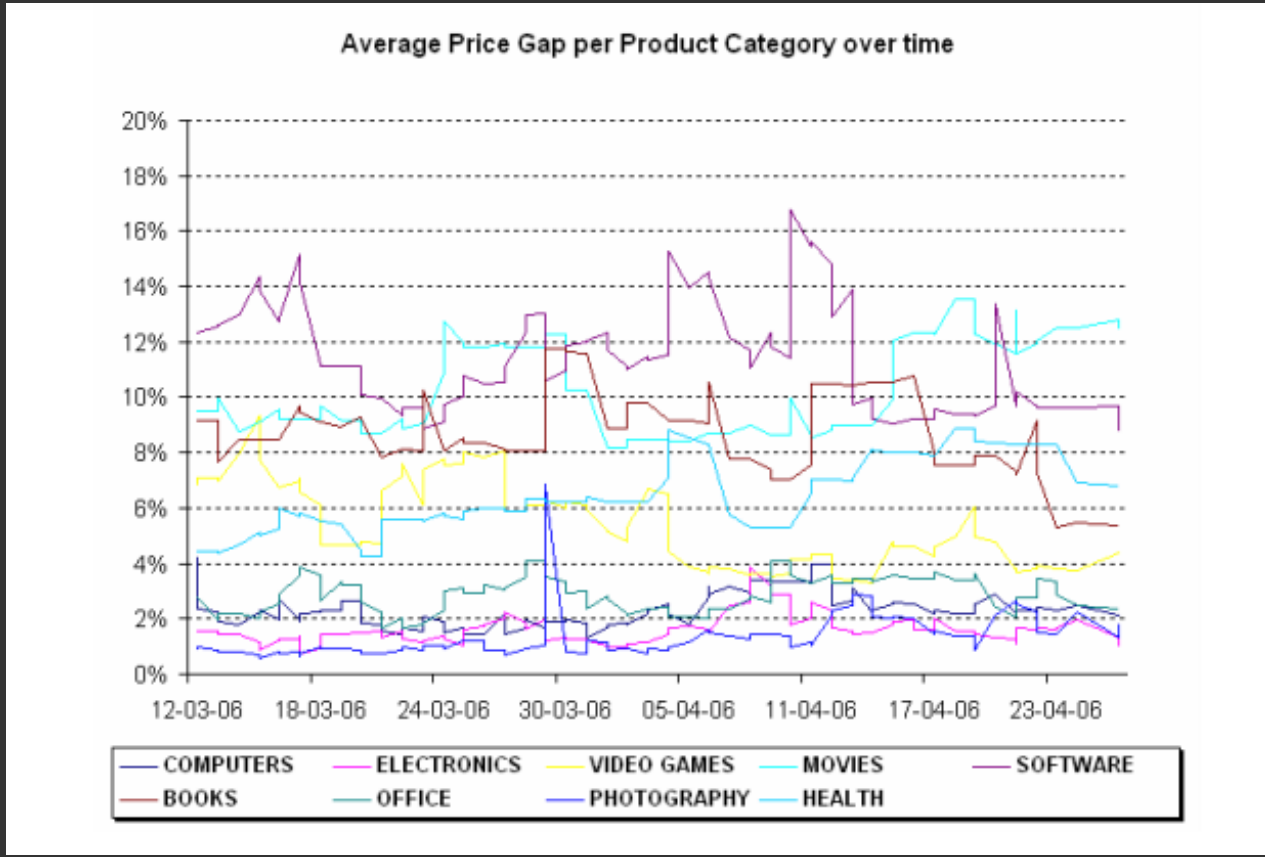
Structured Data

Industrial Organization / Monetary Policy



- RQ: How to detect systematic differences in price dispersion across sectors? What are the reasons of such differences?
- Methodology: Econometrics, Web Scraping
- Category: Nowcasting, Inflation, Price dispersion
- The Wow Effect: From millions of prices about 30'000 products, real-time measures of Market Thickness and the Value of Information
- Literature:

"Are Online and Offline Prices Similar? Evidence from Large Multi-Channel Retailers", Alberto Cavallo, American Economic Review, January 2017, Vol 107 (1)

"The Noisy Monopolist: Imperfect Information, Price Dispersion and Price Discrimination", Steven Salop, Review of Economic Studies, 1977, vol. 44, issue 3, 393-406

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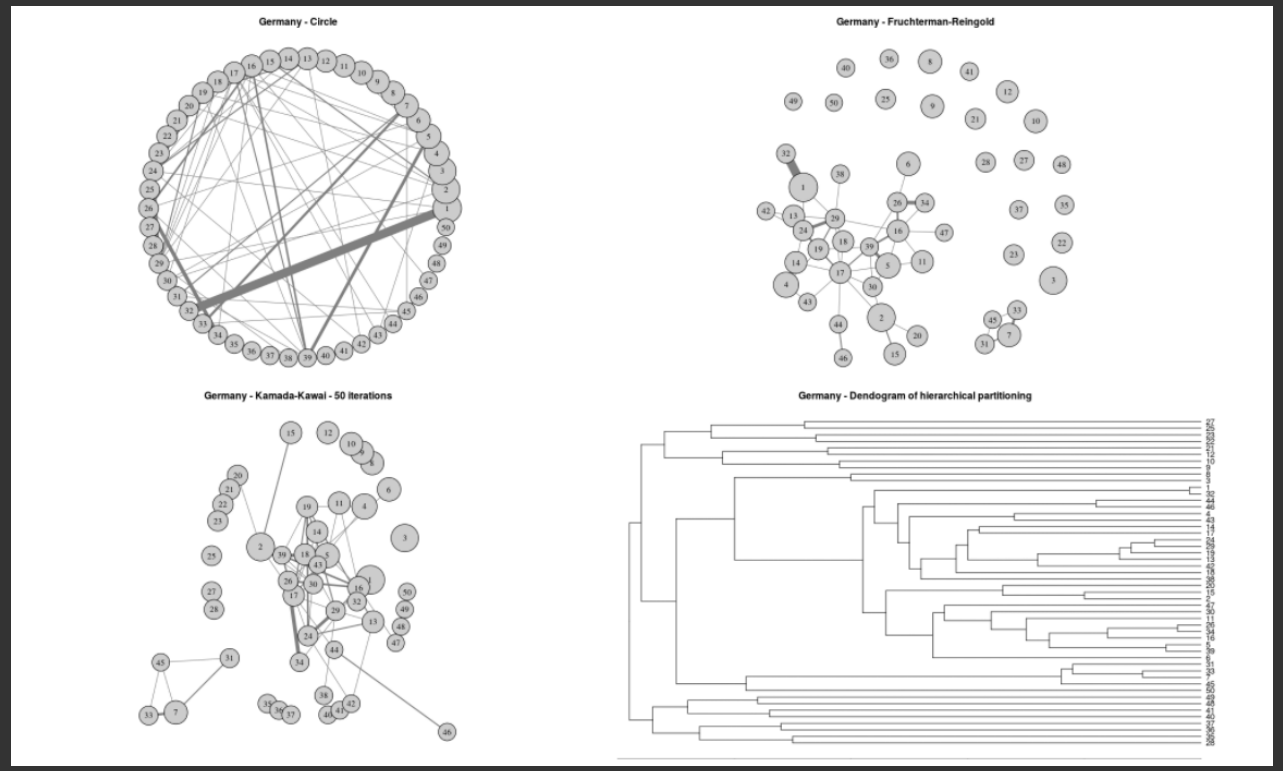
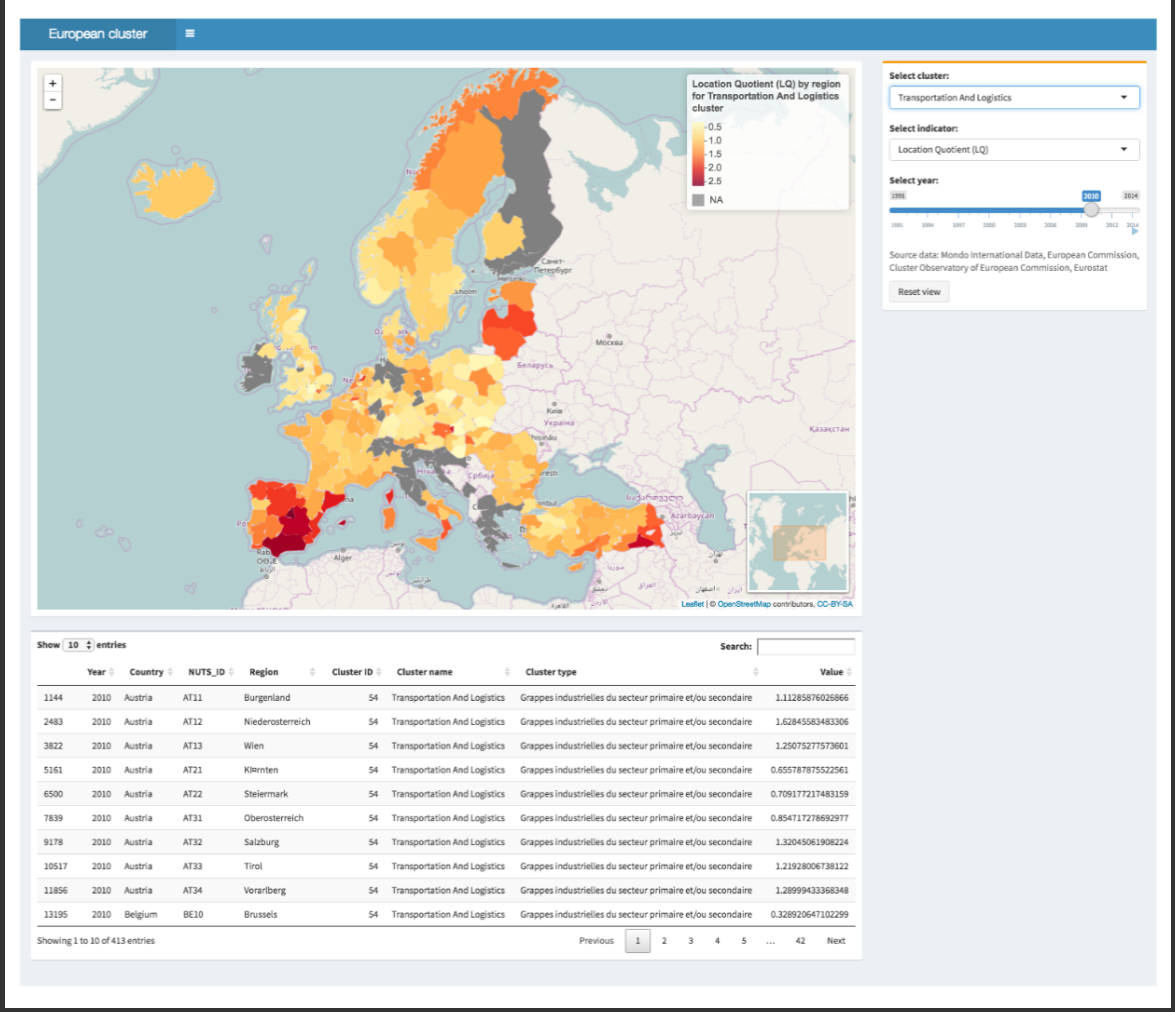


- RQ: Using boards of directors as a proxy for knowledge pipelines between financial firms, how can proxy systemic risk in the financial industry?
- Methodology: Network Analysis
- Partner Authors and Institutions: CIRANO, HEC Montreal, AMF (Financial Markets Regulator)
- The Wow Effect: 43,499 directors; 2,209 financial firms; 52 countries can be visualized to revealed social ties across countries
- Category: Systemic Risk, Financial Industry, Governance
- Literature:

Kogut, B. and Colomer, J. (2012) 'Is there a global small world of owners and directors?', in Kogut, B. (Ed.): The Small Worlds of Corporate Governance, pp.259–299, The MIT Press, Cambridge.

Economic Integration

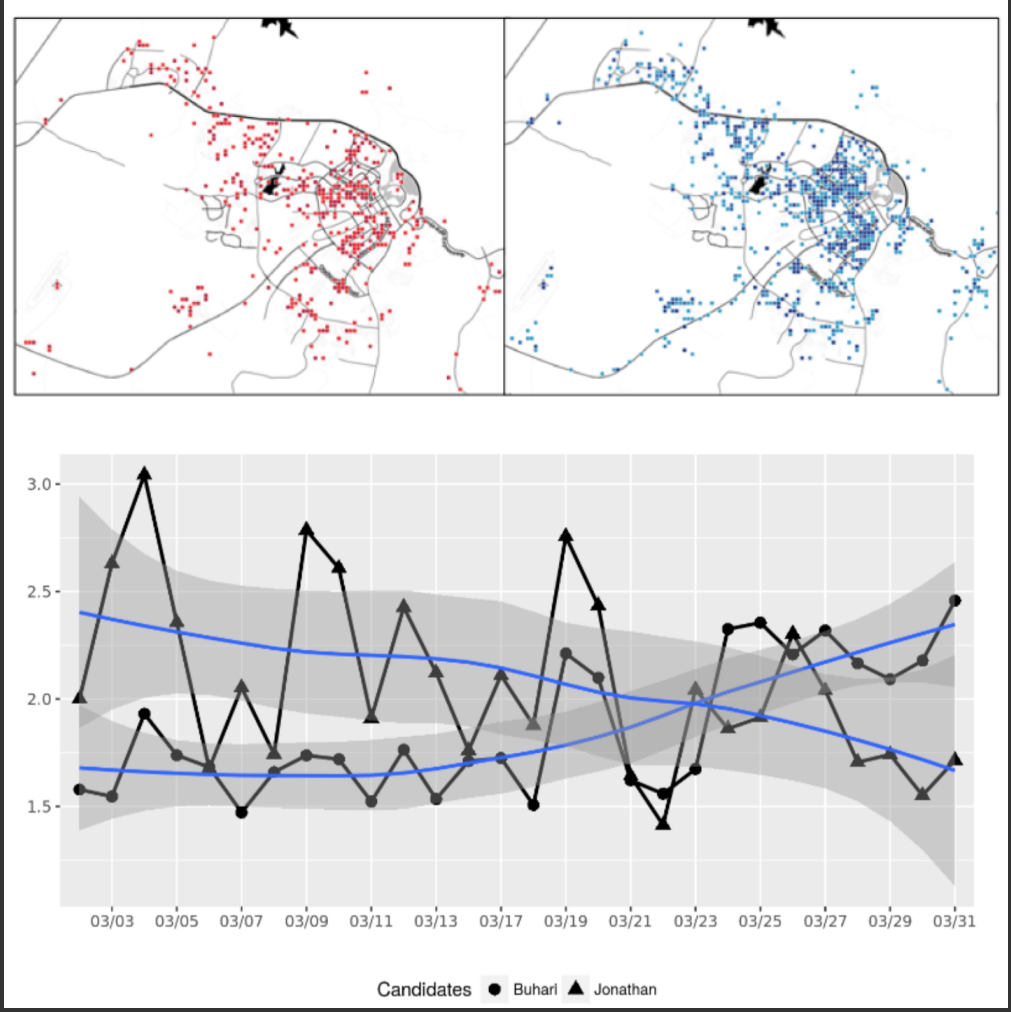


- Can we observe a regional specialization - or convergence - dynamic in Europe through cluster life cycle?
- The Wow Effect: +5M clusters data collected; 553'007 European observations used (67 clusters, 279 regions, 36 countries, 20 years, 6 indicators) ; over 10,000 maps created ; regional specialisation dynamic in developed economies (Western Europe) ; convergence dynamic in developing economies (Eastern Europe) due to a catching-up effect
- Category: Regional Integration, Clusters, Convergence, Geographical Economy, Data Science
- Literature

Sala-i-Martin, Xavier. 1996a. “Regional Cohesion: Evidence and Theories of Regional Growth and Convergence.” European Economic Review 40:1325-1352.

Unstructured Data

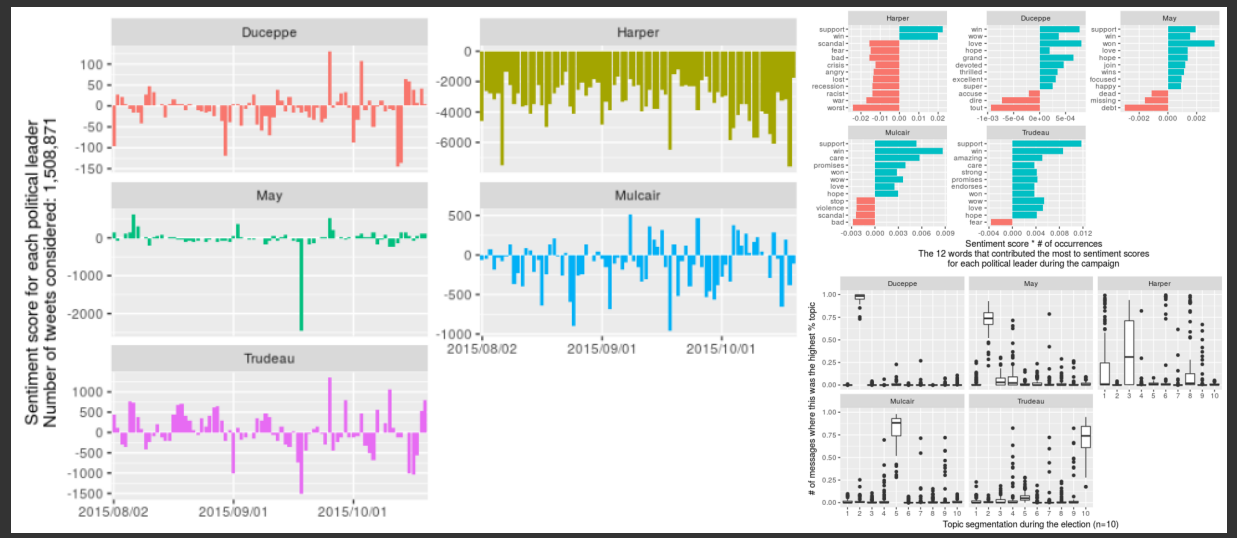
Political Science



- RQ: In countries where institutions do not have the highest level of standards, can we use social media to gather information on an incoming election?
- Methodology: Econometrics, Text mining, 3.8 million tweets
- The Wow Effect: 2 days before the election, a change in the electoral dynamics has been noticed, which at the end was anticipating the results of the election
- Category: Political Risk
- Literature:

KHEMANI, S. (2015): "Buying Votes vs. Supplying Public Services: Political Incentives to Under-Invest in Pro-Poor Policies," Journal of Development Economics, 117, 84–93.

Political Science



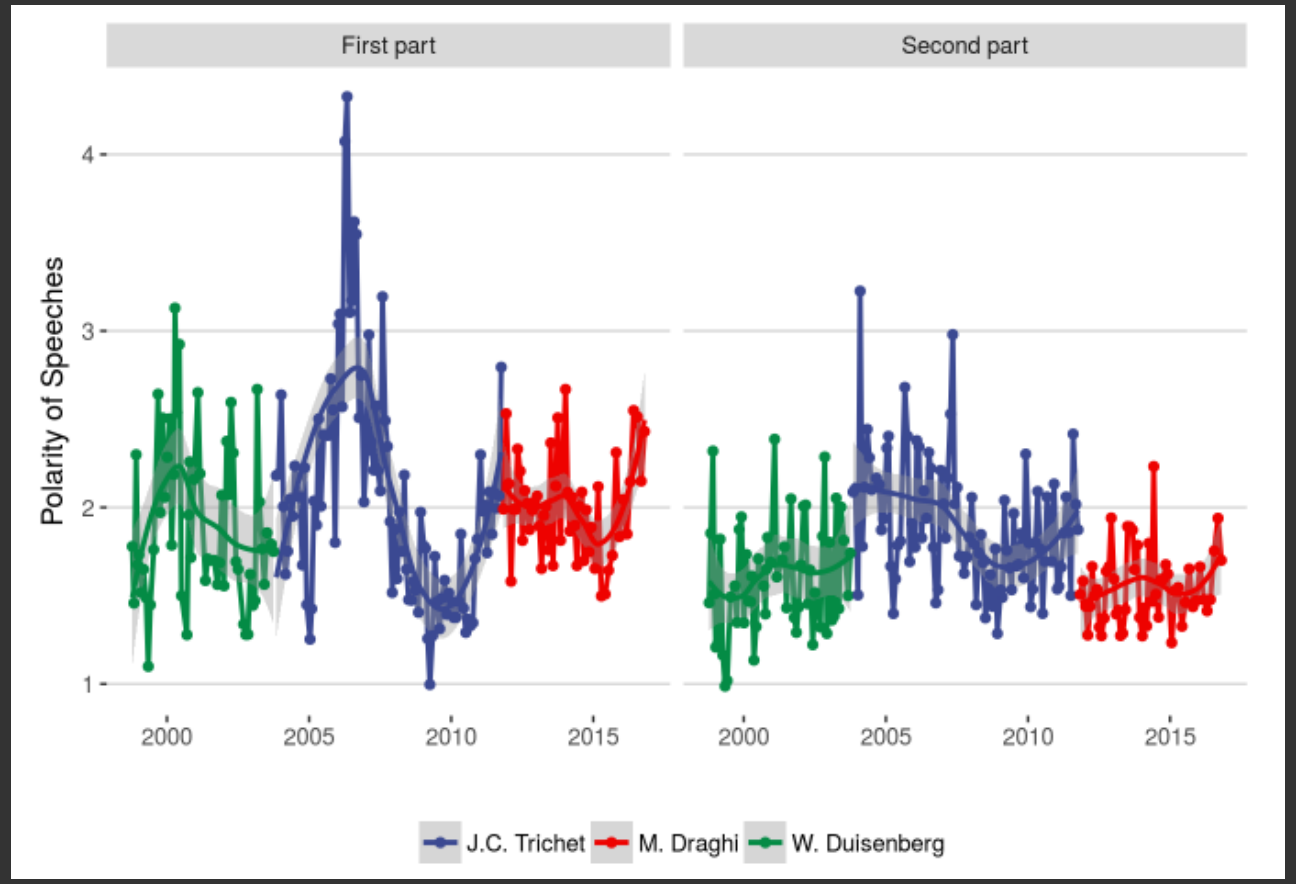
- RQ: Despite being third in vote intention at the start of the campaign, Justin Trudeau won a majority victory. During the 2015 General Election in Canada, how were each political leader perceived?
- Methodology: Unsupervised Learning, Social Media Analysis, Linguistics
- The Wow Effect: Scandals at the start of the campaign lasted for a month and were constantly associated to the incumbent candidate
- Category: Political Risk, Reputational Risk
- What about corporate reputation?

Migrations

- RQ: Mapping the conversation in Europe about the refugee crisis.
- Methodology: Geographic Information Systems, Text Analysis, Social Media Analysis
- The Wow Effect: Possibility to add a spatial dimension to the conversations (unstructured data), as well as combining with traditional data such as the number of refugees, the country of origin or the route of destination.
- Literature:

  “Measuring the Reliability of Hate Speech Annotations: The Case of the European Refugee Crisis”, Ross, Michael Rist, Guillermo Carbonell, Benjamin Cabrera, Nils Kurowsky, Michael Wojatzki, Arxiv, 2017

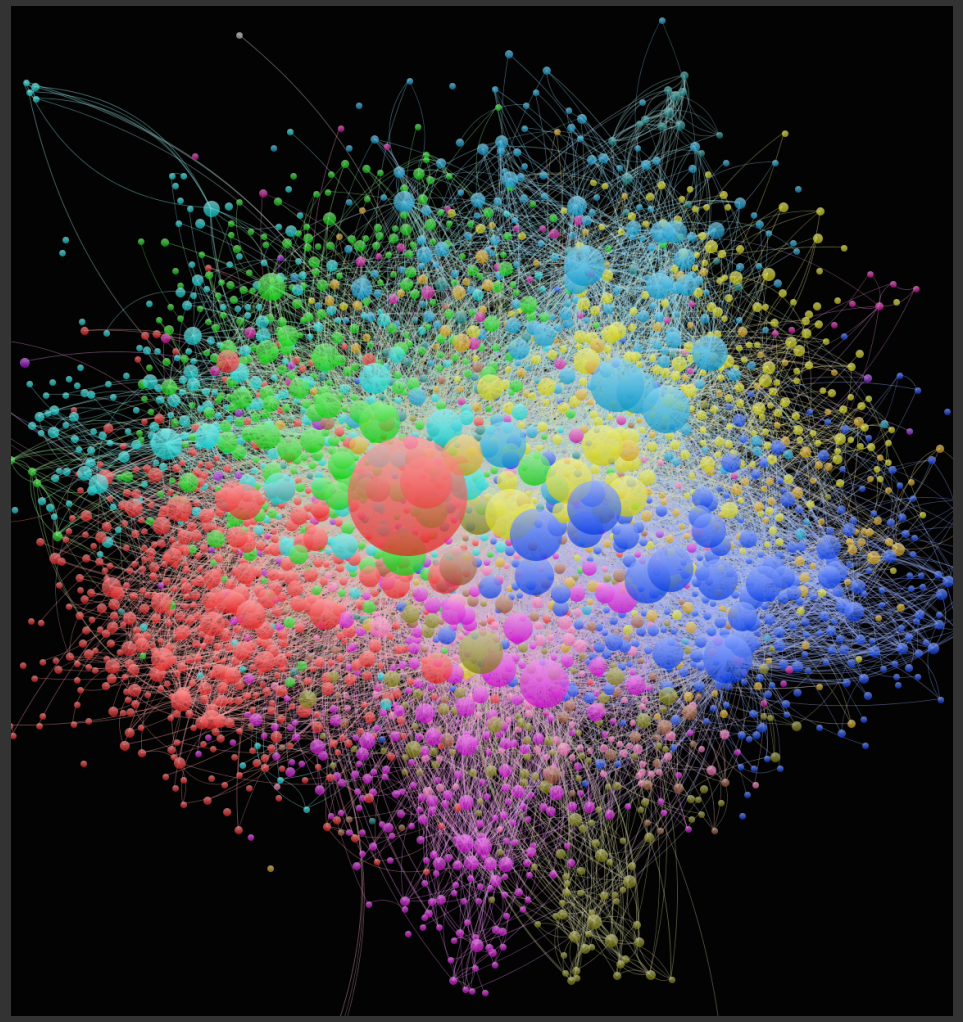
Monetary Policy



- What is the reaction of the European Central Bank and its Presidents to the events occurring in the Eurozone?
- Methodology: Linguistics, Text Analysis, LDA
- Category: Communication of Institutions, Europe, Central Bank
- The Wow Effect: War and Peace + The Wealth of Nations
- Literature:

Amaya, J.-Y. Filbien "The similarity of ECB's communication" Social Science Research Network, Rochester, NY (2015)

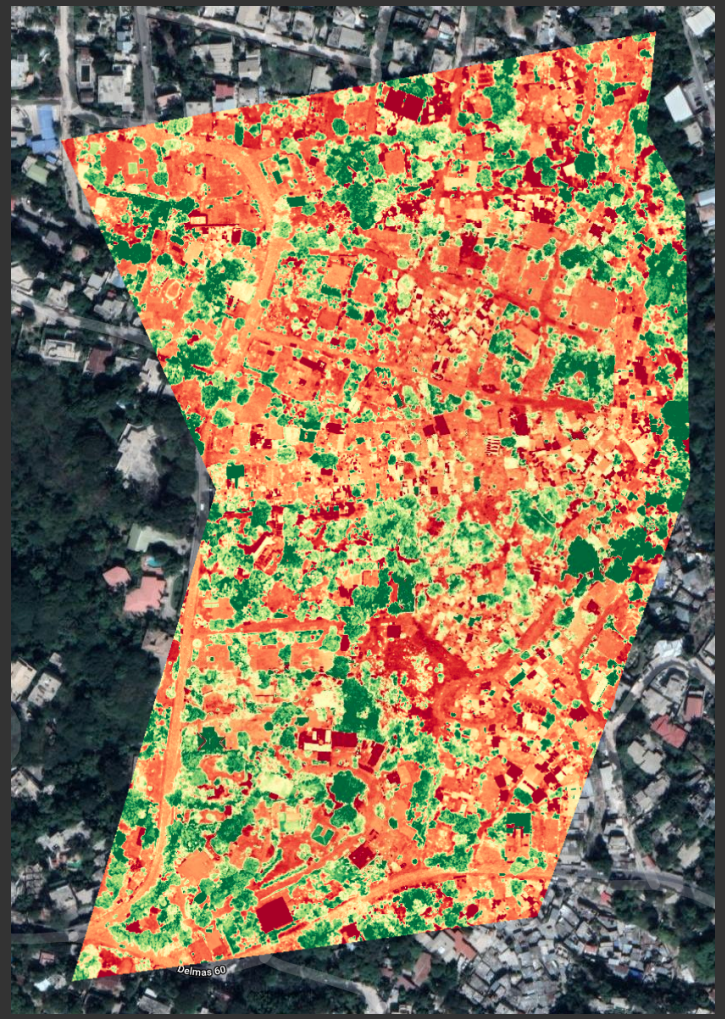
Innovation



- RQ: How to assess whether innovations of China's pharmaceutical industry differ compared to innovations elsewhere in terms of the nature and value of patents?
- Methodology: Text Analysis, Unsupervised Learning, LDA
- The Wow Effect: More than 100,000 patents are analyzed to reveal the most important firms and institutions in the pharmaceutical industry in China, as well as the nature of patents.
- Category: Innovation, Emerging Markets
- Literature:

  "Innovation assessment through patent analysis", BP Abraham, SD Moitra - Technovation, 2001

GIS, Drones and Economic Development



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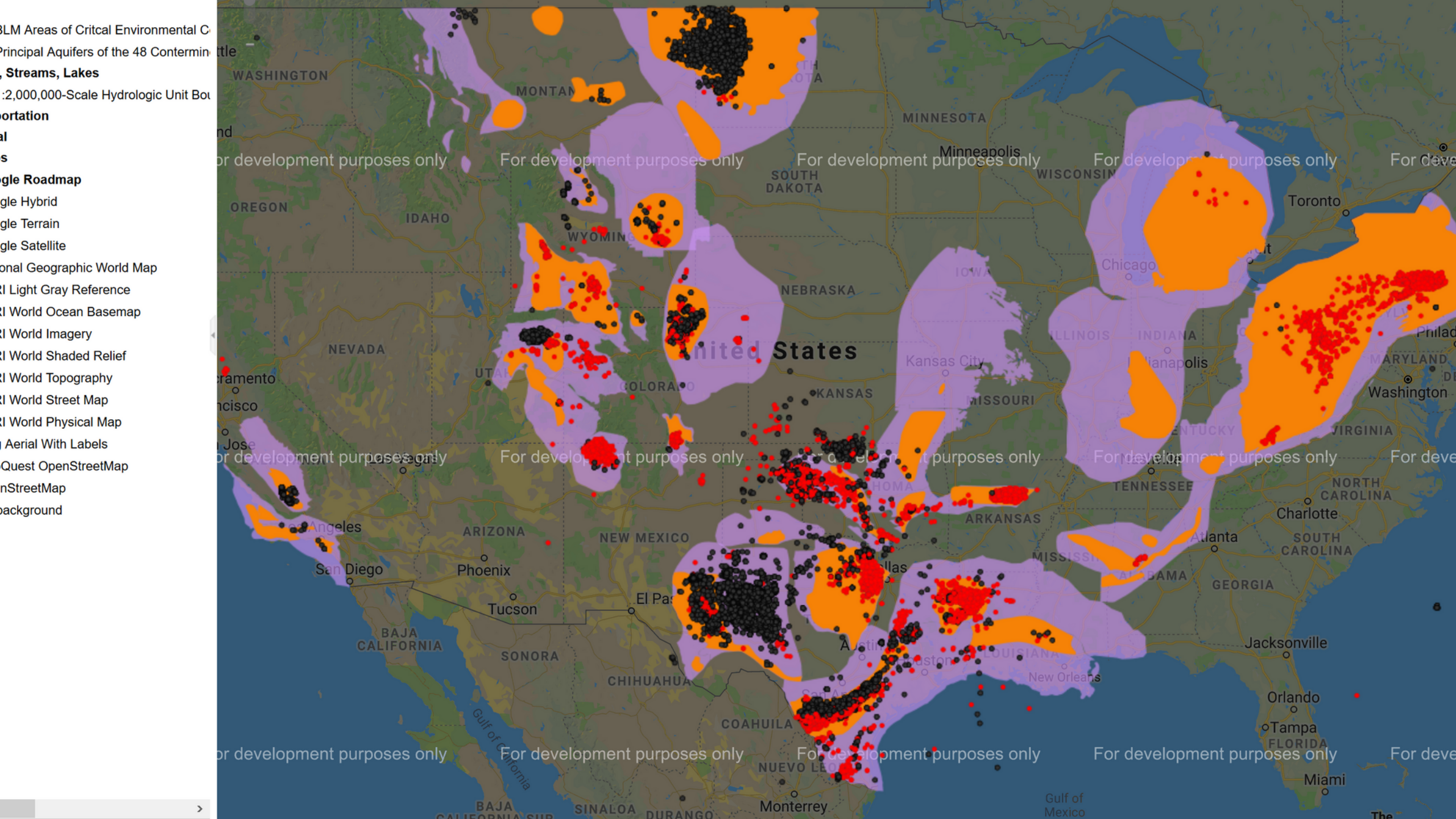
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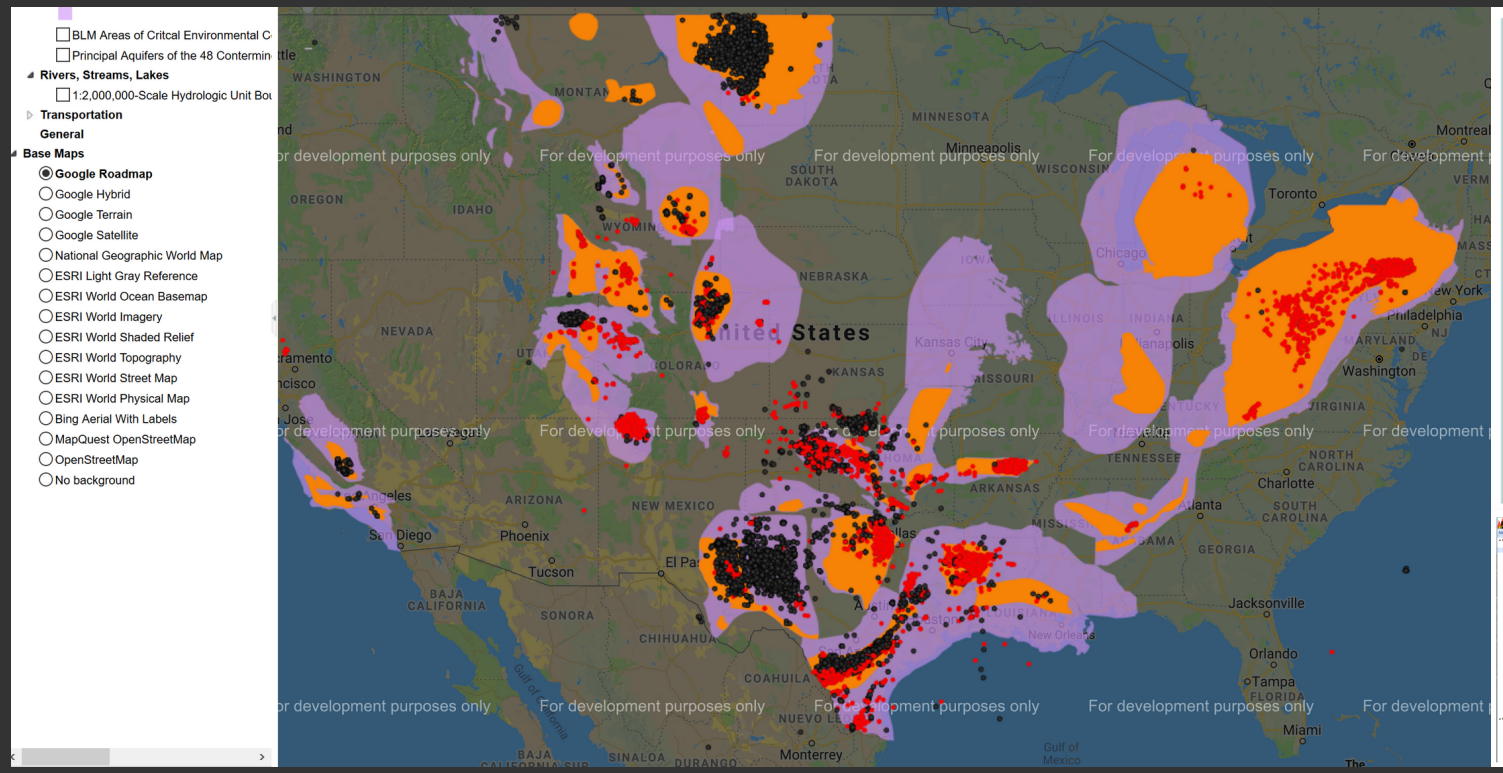

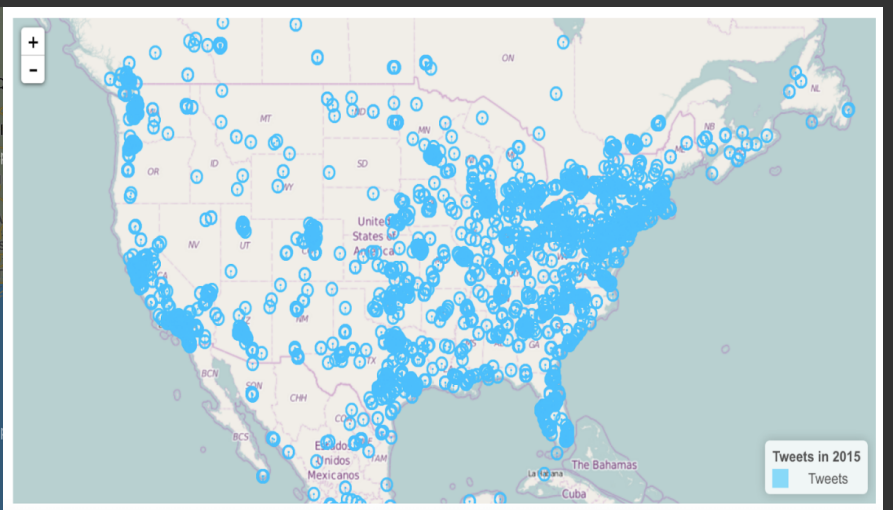

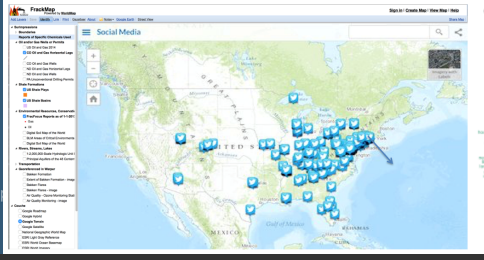

Opinion Formation: "Relevant" words by count

Frackmap Project

- The Wow Effect: Analysing 60,000 geo-located tweets and (10,000; 600) peer-reviewed articles revealed a very high acceptability despite the major concerns of the scientific community (seismicity, health & environmental impacts, occupational health)

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Frackmap Project

1 Research Question: In countries embracing a booming controversial industry (fracking), is there resonance or dissonance between the public's risk perception and the state of academic research?

2 Category: Industrial Risks, Risk Perception, Public Health

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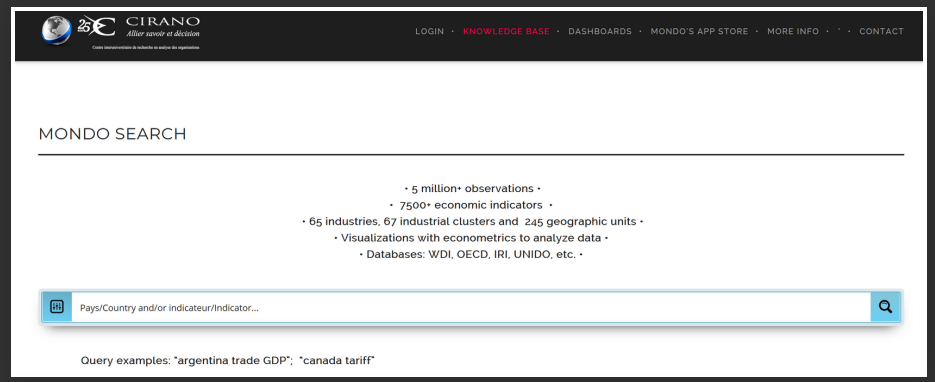
Conclusion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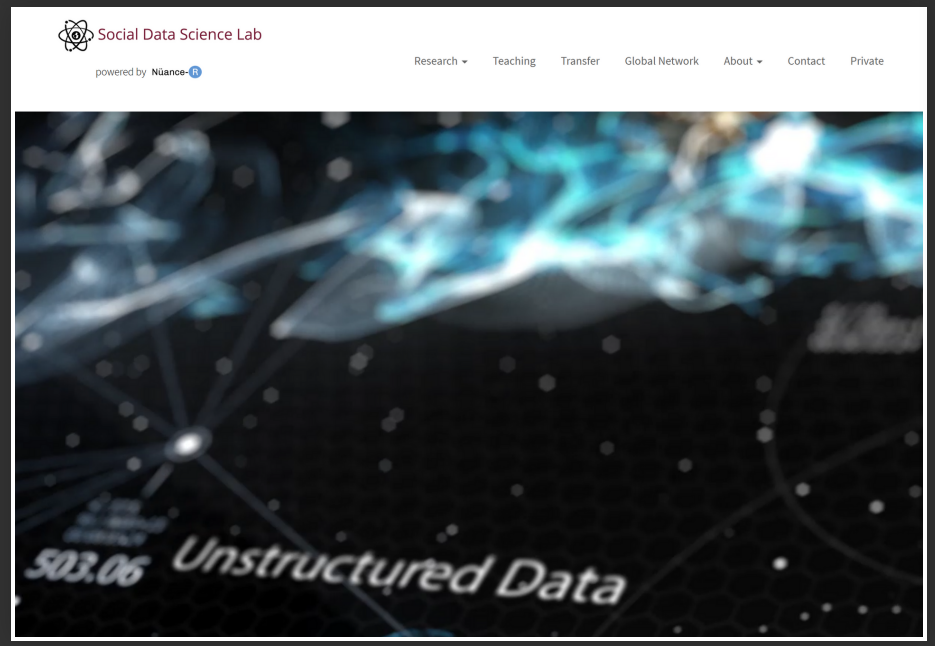
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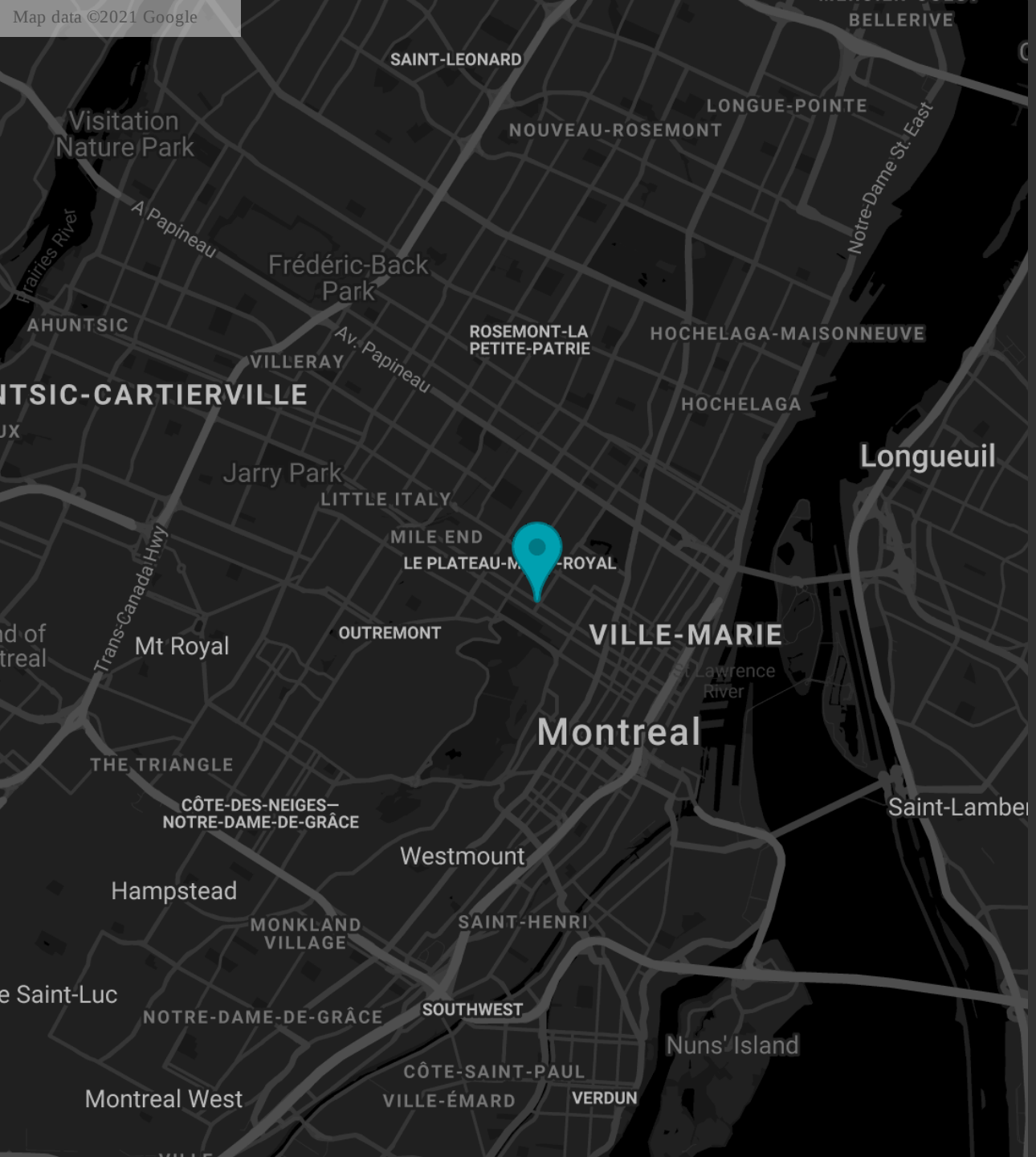

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